

## HUNDREDS TURNED AWAY FROM TENT

### EVANGELIST TALKS STRAIT FROM SHOULDER.

Many Convinced by Powerful Sermon on Practical, Every Day Affairs—Gypsy Smith, Jr., Defies Any Man to Live Golden Rule Without Christ.

"God is doing greater things in Alexandria today than He ever did in Elijah's time! Lives are being remodelled and made over again!" exclaimed Rev. Gypsy Smith in the course of his sermon Sunday night, on the text formed in the second Book of Kings and part of fourteenth verse—"Where is the Lord God of Israel?" spoken by Elisha after receiving the double portion of Elijah's spirit.

The events leading up to Elijah's transfiguration and those succeeding the bestowal upon Elisha of the double portion of Elijah's spirit were recited by the evangelist, in preface to his sermon. After Elisha had received the spirit of Elijah, he ran to the river Jordan, and smiting the waters, shouted, "Where is the Lord God of Israel?" whereupon the waters of the Jordan divided and the prophet walked across on dry land.

"Elijah's God was a wonderful God," said the preacher, "Are you a worshipper of Elijah's God?"

"Some men are making money their god. You ask if it isn't right to make money? Yes, but if it's taking the place of God, in your heart, it's wrong. I know money will fill your stable with fast horses, give you the finest autos, fill your cellars, with wine and provisions. But listen! one day that old hearse will call and you'll have to go! And your money won't buy peace with God! George Pullman, with all of his \$29,000,000 couldn't ward off death! And neither can you! When God calls you'll go! George Pullman will stand before God some day and, God will ask him, as he will you, 'what did you do with My Son Jesus Christ?'"

"Some men tell me they are moral men. I defy any man in Alexandria to put in practice and live the golden rule without the help of Jesus Christ. I admire the business man who pays his bills, whose word is as good as his bond. Your morality is good but it isn't enough. The moral man and the hobo, will go to hell together! The trouble is we white-wash ourselves when we need to be washed white! and you'll stand or fall upon the decision you make here. You can't dodge the question! Some day you'll have to face it."

"Some day, old Alexandria, you and I are going to stand at the judgment bar of God. I don't know what you'll say, but I will say this: 'For three solid weeks, I tried to save you, but you would not let me,' and the Son of God will say, 'I did all a God could do for you, but you would not hear me.'"

"Oh, I plead with you, with a heart full of tenderness, I ask you again tonight, will you come? Don't make your life here a cold, barren waste and your future a hell!"

"You say religion and heaven and hell are all a myth! Then don't wake me, for I'd rather live as I am than the way some of you fools are living."

"I'd rather go down to death as did Francis Willard, who said, 'Mother, the hilltops are crowned with glory and the angels are beckoning me home,' or as John Wesley when he said, 'I shall be satisfied with Him!' or as Dwight L. Moody said when he came to his death—'This is my coronation day; earth recedes and heaven opens.'"

"Let me ask you again, will you come?"

The Gazette publishes the following prayer by request:

Almighty Father, Everlasting Power, who hast encircled these thy children day by day with thy love and mercy, and promised peace and joy past man's understanding for the days to come, we praise thy Holy Name that such multitudes have gathered together daily in one band, under one leader, for the refreshing of their souls. And, oh, Lord, for those who have not known thee, open wide their hearts, 'Leave them not comfortless, but descend on them we pray! Send the old-time power, the pentecostal power; throw open the flood-gates of thy mercy that sinners be converted and thy name glorified! Grant them and us thy peace through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth

### Gypsy Smith, Jr. Epigrams

It's want of honesty that keeps some of you people away from God.

You are not responsible for the start you got in life, but you're here, and it's for you to say whether your life shall be for good or evil.

It's a libel on God to say you can't be a Christian.

Some men choose darkness rather than light.

It's not light, but backbone that some of you need.

Too many people go to church because it's fashionable.

There are too many who are Christians on Sunday — and something else the rest of the week.

Many of you church members have only a nodding acquaintance with Jesus Christ.

When God has a big job on hand Faith gets the contract.

and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same spirit, one God, world without end.

AMEN. E. B.

### ANOTHER CHURCH?

Effort May be Made to Establish one in Alexandria

The members of the session of the Second Presbyterian church, headed by Alfred G. Uhler, are considering a proposition of the Disciples Union, of Washington, for the use of the old First Presbyterian church building on Fairfax street between Wolfe and Duke street. If the two bodies can agree upon terms the members of the Union will commence, shortly after the close of the Gypsy Smith, Jr., meetings, a series of evangelistic services to which will come, as speakers many of the best known Christian ministers of the District of Columbia.

The Disciples Union is composed of the laymen of more than a dozen of the strongest churches of the Disciples persuasion in Washington. They propose to make a determined effort to establish a church of their denomination in Alexandria.

Mrs. Lillian Henderson, 713 Cameron street, left the city yesterday evening to attend the thirty-fourth annual convention of the W. C. T. U. at Tazewell, Va., which commenced its session this morning. Mrs. Henderson represents the Willard W. C. T. U.

The Amsterdam correspondent says that he learns that the resignation of Gottlieb von Jagow, German foreign minister, is imminent. Ill-health is given as the reason.

LOST—On Sunday afternoon while going from 309 Duke street to Royal; thence to Wolfe; thence to St. Mary's Cemetery, old-time ear-ring made into a pin, with large amethyst set. Finder will leave same at 309 Duke street and receive reward. 225-1t.

### Millinery Opening.

The fall and winter styles are ready for inspection at Miss Annie Hurdle's 716 King street, Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29th. All are invited. 226-3t.

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe.

## Alexandria City News Condensed

The Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias will meet in Petersburg, October 3.

Miss Alice Marshall Payne of New Orleans, is the guest of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beverley at their home in Prince street.

Mr. Gypsy Smith, Jr., returned today from Connecticut, where he went for a short visit to his family.

Mrs. Bushrod Le Bourgeois, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scott at their home in Braddock, has returned to her home in New Orleans.

Mr. R. S. Sturgiss, who for some time past has been manager of the Barrett Press this city, has relinquished his position and returned to his former home at Bluff, Indiana.

Lieutenant Henry B. LeBourgeois U. S. N., left today for Annapolis, Md., after spending several days in Alexandria. Mrs. Le Bourgeois and children are at Woodberry Forrest, Orange county, Va., where they have spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Latham, Sr., have returned from a pleasant trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., where Mr. Latham has been attending the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. E. A. Gorman, city health officer, gave a lecture on the prevention of typhoid fever before the civic league of the Mount Vernon district at the Franconia school-house Thursday night.

Prof. Forest Cole, has returned from a short visit with friends in Leesburg, Va.

Mrs. R. W. Miller, 226 north Columbus street, is visiting her father Mr. James O'Brien, in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Laura A. McCann, daughter, of the late Thomas Smith, died at her home, 1600 14th street, N. W. Washington, yesterday. The interment will take place in Ivy Hill cemetery, Alexandria, tomorrow afternoon.

Readers of the Gazette were informed in yesterday's issue that Mr. L. O. Lynn had just received a "beautifully carved walking cane." Since the thing had been sent from Mexico and many other curious things, including rumors, emanate from that weird country, we were willing to take the linotype man's word for it. We were, in fact, about to make a pilgrimage out to Mr. Lynn's place to examine this new specimen of ethnology or what-not. Investigation, however, revealed that it should have been 'walking cane.' There are a great many funny things walking around these days but a "Walking cane" is certainly a new one. The only walking can yet known will disappear after November one.

Mrs. Thomas J. Kirkpatrick, Miss Fortune Kirkpatrick and Master Herbert Bryant Kirkpatrick, who have spent the summer at Woodberry Forest, Orange county, Virginia, are the guests for several weeks of Mrs. John F. Tackett in south St. Asaph street, before joining Maj. Thomas J. Kirkpatrick, U. S. A., in Brownsville, Texas where he is now stationed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beverley entertained last evening at a moving picture party for their house guest Miss Alice M. Payne.

Miss Cardelia and Janie Faulkner of Spotsylvania, are the guest for several weeks of Captain A. Rowe and family in this city.

The recruiting detail which has been in Fredericksburg for several months has been ordered to Alexandria and will arrive here in a few days.

Rev. Thompson Core and wife of Ogontz, Pa., stopped in the city last night on their way to visit in Richmond. Mr. Cole was once a student at the Episcopal Theological Seminary here.

The Virginia Athletic Club will hold a meeting in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow evening for the election of a captain and manager of its football team for the season.

The regular meeting of the Willard W. C. T. U., will be held in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church tomorrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock.

Miss Kathrin Griffith Uhler, was the hostess at an informal reception last evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Uhler in north Washington street. The guests were invited to meet Miss Laura Hoogland, the accomplished pianist of the evangelistic services. Miss Uhler was assisted in entertaining by her mother, and her sister Mrs. Anderson Sommers.

## COMBLES TAKEN BY BRITISH TODAY

### MOST STRIKING SINGLE VICTORY OF THE WAR.

Prefaced by Terrific Artillery Bombardment, British and French Make Remarkable Advance and Surround Large Force of Germans—Captured Town Keypoint of German Lines.

London, Sept. 26—Combles, key-point of the whole German battle line from Bapaume to Peronne, has been captured by the British after eighteen hours of most furious battling north of the Somme.

General Haig this afternoon announced that British troops entered Combles, overcoming German resistance. The enemy's losses, the official report said, were severe.

The British victory achieved after three weeks of desperate driving against the German center, is the most striking single achievement of the whole Somme offensive. It removes one of the last two obstacles to an Anglo-French thrust to squeeze the Germans, one of the two objectives of the great allied advance.

Trapped by the lightning advance of both French and British wings in yesterday's great storming attack, a German force estimated at from 2,000 to 3,000 was surrounded at Combles.

General Haig's men made one of the most remarkable advances of the whole Somme fighting in yesterday's attack. They stormed the villages of Les Bouefs and Morval, with their intricate systems of defenses and placed their lines northeast of Combles.

The French, striking at about the

same hour, completed the capture of Rancourt and pushed on to the outskirts of Fregicourt, east northeast of Combles.

The German defenders of Combles, for weeks the main point of support of the whole German line from Bapaume to Peronne, were caught in a noose. It is believed here that the Germans withdrew many of their heavy guns before yesterday's allied attack, realizing the hopelessness of their position.

The great attack yesterday carried the British to within easy gun range of Bapaume, one of the objectives of the Somme offensive, for the first time since the drive began. It carried the French to within striking distance of Mt. St. Quentin, whose fall will signal the immediate evacuation of Peronne by the Germans.

The artillery prelude to this sweeping advance was, with perhaps one exception, the most powerful since the Somme offensive began. The Germans were blown out of their fortifications at Morval, where British gunners concentrated their fire, and one German battery after another was silenced.

Whether the new British "tanks" figured again in yesterday's allied victory as they did in the capture of Martinpuich, Fiers, and Courcellette, has not yet been made known in dispatches from press headquarters.

### Mr. Business Man:

As the morning is the buying time for the wise housewife, so is the fall of the year one of the busiest purchasing seasons for the general buyer. Thrifty people are making preparations for winter. Your opportunity lies in the stimulation of this propensity. Whether you cater to the stomach, the mind, or the outer man, you have material suitable especially for the time of the year. People are constantly in need of a reminder of what they need. If you are the first to remind them the chances are that it is to you, and not to your competitor, they will come. A bullet, rightly aimed, will kill a man as effectively as a cannon ball. A few inches of space used frequently will do the trick for you, if you know how to use it, better than one big splash. The Gazette's service department will be glad to help you with your advertising problems. Call us up ask for our advertising man and he will be glad to come and talk with you whether you are ready to do business right now or not.

Yours for service,  
THE GAZETTE.

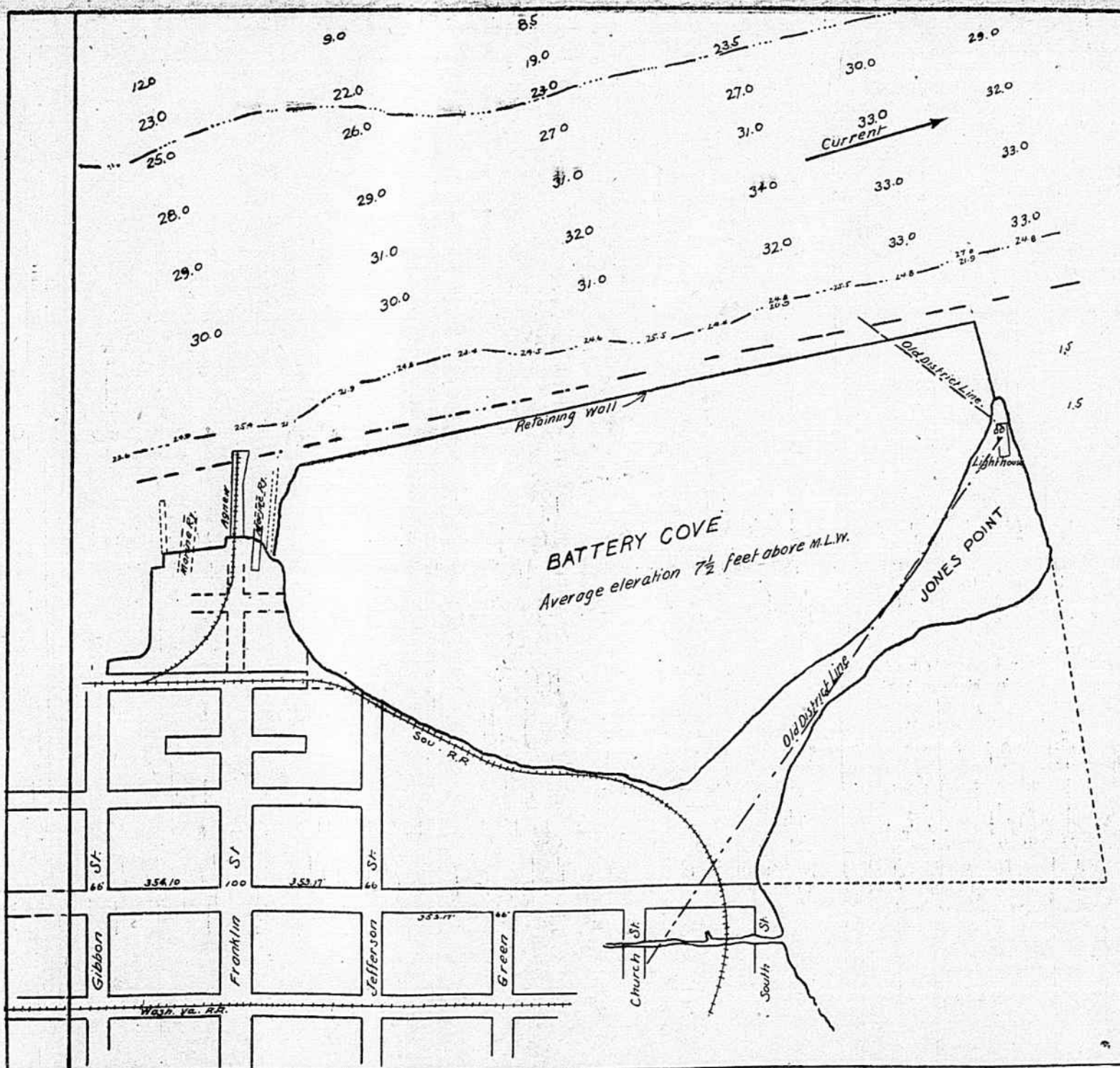
### Correction.

In the Gazette's report of the proceedings of the Government Armor Plant Committee yesterday it was stated that another meeting would be held on Tuesday morning. This should have read 'Thursday morning.' The meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 11 o'clock of the morning of Thursday, September 29.

### For Sale.

The choicest building sites around Alexandria, situated on Braddock Heights. Fine roads and accessible to the Electric Line. Prices moderate. It will pay you to look them over before deciding upon the location of your home. For particulars see your local Real Estate Agent or N. Lindsey and Co., Inc. 1-218-12t.

## ALEXANDRIA'S PROPOSED SITE FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANT



The geography of the above is well-known to every Alexandrian. It will be seen that this city offers twenty-seven hundred feet on the channel of the Potomac river where there is an average depth of twenty six feet of water.

The Southern Railway tracks run through this area, over which cars of seven railroads pass daily—the Southern, Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio, Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line and Norfolk and Western. No trackage is charged other roads at this place.

Apart from the magnificent river front upon the channel of the Potomac, it will be seen that Hunting Creek on the south can be utilized, which would give the government two water fronts.

As was stated yesterday, Alexandria can furnish eighty acres of land at this desirable place, more than is needed for the plant. It may not be known to all the present generation, that a manufacturing plant was operated upon the southern portion of the tract offered the government over seventy years ago. A rope walk extended almost the entire length of Jones's Point. In the early part of the fifties the property was purchased from Josiah H. Davis by the Manassas Gap Railroad Company which pretended it was to be used as a coal depot. This dream soon vanished, as the railroad company never utilized the land. The coal depot proved an illusion, but something more important to Alexandria's commerce will be placed there in the near future if the government avails itself of this splendid site and the magnificent, generous offer of Alexandrians public-spirited, enterprising citizens.